

**R E M A R K S**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

**THE SPECIFICATION**

Non-compliance of the amendment to the specification at the paragraph on page 14, lines 9-20 is acknowledged. This paragraph has now been amended without adding a new paragraph, and the new paragraph has been separately added without underlining thereafter, as suggested by the Examiner. The paragraph at page 14, lines 9-20, as amended hereinabove, replaces the paragraph as amended in the Amendment filed on October 25, 2007.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

**Re: SUPPORT FOR SCOPE OF CLAIM 6**

With respect to claim 6 as amended in the Amendment filed on October 25, 2007, it is respectfully submitted that the entire scope of claim 6 (which depends from claims 1 and 5) is clearly supported by the disclosure in the specification and drawings.

In particular, an absorbent body which comprises a layer of pulp fiber and a mixed layer of the pulp fiber and the super absorbent polymer (as recited in claim 6) is clearly disclosed

in, for example, Figs. 5, 6, 8A and 8B. Further, since the absorbent body of the second embodiment (i.e., absorbent body 23) also requires the same condition as the absorbent body of the first embodiment (i.e., absorbent body 10), whereby the whole content of the super absorbent polymers (i.e., super absorbent polymers 28) is not less than 55% by weight, clearly, the top sheet as disclosed in, for example, Fig. 2, may cover the absorbent body of claim 6 for retaining strength. See the disclosure in the specification at, for example, page 11, lines 17-26 and page 14, lines 9-20.

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It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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